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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1248/2024

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the steps taken to increase the wages of private sector employees in line with the increasing cost of living; and
 - (ii) the reasons if such steps have not been taken yet?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the special measures taken to protect the rights of female workers during the prevailing economic crises;
 - (ii) the measures taken to provide childcare, nutrition and similar support to the children of female workers, as there is a tendency for women to join the workforce in order to cope with the current economic crisis;
 - (iii) the steps taken to protect the rights of overseas domestic female workers; and
 - (iv) the reasons if such steps have not been taken yet?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1252/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that many countries in the world are promoting private medical education as of now;
 - (ii) of the number of private medical educational institutions in Sri Lanka that provide western medical education;
 - (iii) of the names of such institutions;

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- (iv) of the number of government teaching hospitals available for the clinical training required by the students studying in the above mentioned private medical educational institutions;
- (v) of the names of such hospitals; and
- (vi) of steps that would be taken to improve and promote private Western medical education in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1283/2024

Hon. Asanka Navaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a comprehensive report be submitted regarding the current shortages of human resources and physical resources in the government hospitals of Kurunegala district;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to meet the above deficiencies; and
- (iii) if so, of the steps taken so far in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1286/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the—

- (i) number of local government institutions in Polonnaruwa district;
- (ii) names of those institutions;
- (iii) annual income and expenditure of each of the said institutions from 2018 up to now, separately; and
- (iv) steps taken to uplift the local government institutions with financial and physical resource shortages out of the local government institutions in Polonnaruwa district?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1701/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government, — (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the role and function of the Grama Niladhari and that of the Registrar in registering the natural deaths occurring at home, separately; and

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- (ii) the legally prescribed method in ascertaining the cause of death of the deceased in the case of a natural death?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1703/2024

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of non-academic staff employed in public schools in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of their designations;
- (iii) whether duties have been assigned to them from a specific list of duties; and
- (iv) whether there is a promotion procedure for the above employees?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of measures that will be taken regarding the graduated employees among the said employees; and
- (ii) whether steps are taken to recruit them as teachers considering their degree and experience?

(c) If not, why?

7.

1728/2024

Hon. Jagath Priyankara, — To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of education divisions located in the Puttalam district;
- (ii) of the names of those education divisions;
- (iii) separately of the number of national schools and the number of provincial council schools located in each of those education divisions and the names of those schools;
- (iv) separately of the number of teacher vacancies existing for each subject in each of the said education divisions; and
- (v) of the steps that will be taken to fill those teacher vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1738/2024

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the lands in the Northern and Eastern Provinces have recently been acquired by the government; and

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- (ii) the lands in Irakkakkandi, Pulmude, Kinnia, Muthur and Toppur in Trincomalee district are being surveyed by the Survey Department of Sri Lanka without the permission of their owners?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for carrying out the above survey; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the acquisition of lands as mentioned above will adversely affect the livelihood of the farmers who have been traditionally engaged in agricultural activities on those lands?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1750/2024

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the construction activities of the Mannar Wind Power Station were commenced;
 - (ii) the amount of money estimated as the cost of construction of the said power station;
 - (iii) amount of megawatts expected to be added to the national grid from the aforesaid power station; and
 - (iv) the date on which it is expected to complete the construction activities of the aforesaid power station?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1877/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that people in number of villages situated in the vicinity of Moragahakanda project site of Matale district are facing threats from wild elephants due to the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) of the names of such villages;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families that are currently facing threats from wild elephants in each village; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to mitigate threats from wild elephants?
 - (b) If not, why?
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(5)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Public Security,— Immigration,— Bill to make provisions for controlling the entry into and departure of persons from Sri Lanka; controlling the stay of persons in Sri Lanka who are not citizens of Sri Lanka; for the issue of travel documents; for the repeal of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351) and the Passport (Regulation) and Exit Permit Act, No. 53 of 1971; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to study the practical problems and difficulties in relation to preparation for the proposed ‘Business Ready (B-READY) Index’ in Sri Lanka and make its proposals and recommendations,— That the time period granted to the Select Committee of Parliament to study the practical problems and difficulties in relation to preparation for the proposed ‘Business Ready (B-READY) Index’ in Sri Lanka and make its proposals and recommendations, as specified in the Resolution passed by Parliament on 22nd March 2024, be extended up to 22nd July 2024 in terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament as the Committee needs further time to report its observations to Parliament.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 09th, 2024.

4.

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate Colombo Association of Language Skills and Dramatic Art.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Women Empowerment Bill — Adjourned debate on question (04th June 2024) [1].

*2.

Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Anti Terrorism Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Gender Equality Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Public Financial Management Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Economic Transformation Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2324/45 of 24th March 2023, which were presented on 25.04.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2296/30 of 09th September 2022, which were presented on 06.10.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under the Finance Act,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2368/24 of 24th January 2024, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3 (4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to “Dedicated Textile Manufacturing Zone” in Eravur, Batticaloa District and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2377/41 of 28th March 2024, which was presented on 14.05.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— That the Annual Report of the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd (2021),— That the Annual Report of the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.01.2024 under Section 154(6) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development on 08.02.2024/09.02.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.03.2024)

*16.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Antiquities Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on 25th May 2023 under Section 47(1) read with Section 46 of the Antiquities Ordinance No. 9 of 1940 (Chapter 188) and which were presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation (2021),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 06.10.2023 under Section 12(5) of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation Act, No. 1 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen on 10.01.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 23.01.2024)

*18.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Rules under the Incorporated Council of Legal Education Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the incorporated Council of Legal Education with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 7 of the Incorporated Council of Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2332/02 of 15th May 2023, which were presented on 18.07.2023, be approved.

*19.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 61 read with Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/22 of 27th November 2023, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 61 read with Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/13 of 13th February 2024, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 13.12.2023 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy and Transport on 23.01.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 21.03.2024)

22.

Matara Season Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

23.

Shaili Edutainment Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

24.

Lions Clubs International District 306A - National Development Foundation Trust (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

26.
Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
27.
Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
28.
Institute of Sport for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
29.
Public Health Emergency Bill — Second Reading.
30.
Sri Lanka Insurance Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
31.
Marriages (General) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
32.
Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
33.
Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
34.
Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
35.
Minimum Age of Marriage Bill — Second Reading.
36.
Community Association of Professionals (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
37.
Arundika Fernando Relief Services and Godfrey Fernando Memorial Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
38.
Institute of Drafting Technologists Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
39.
Hector Appuhamy Helping Hand Charity Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
40.
Janaraja Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2141/2024

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) amount of allocation set aside for the Puttalam district under the Decentralized Budget Program and other similar programs under the expenditure head of Presidential Secretariat for the year 2024;
 - (ii) name of each Member of Parliament who has submitted project proposals under the aforementioned Decentralized Budget Program and other similar programs, the number of project proposals submitted, the Divisional Secretary's Division and Grama Niladhari Division implementing each of the said proposals and the amount of allocation set aside for each project proposal separately; and
 - (iii) criteria followed in setting aside the allocations to Members of Parliament under the above programmes?
 - (b) If not, why?
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